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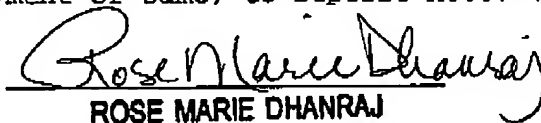
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Applicant: James J. Fallon
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SUCH AS CONTENT DEPENDENT DATA
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was allowed on October 25, 2006. The Notice of Allowance included a Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

While applicant appreciates the allowance of this application, applicant notes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance includes general characterizations for groups of claims that include features not actually included in the individual claims. A particular claim only includes those features explicitly recited in that particular claim.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated:

"With respect to claims 1 and 30 in addition to other elements in each respective claim, the prior art does not teach or suggest a method for compressing data having the steps of performing content dependent data

compression, if a data type of data block is identified and performing data compression with a single data compression encoder, if a data type of data block is not identified."
(Notice of Allowance, page 2)

Claim 30, however, includes the feature of performing data compression on the data block with a single data compression encoder, if the content dependent data compression ratio is not above a first threshold.

The Examiner included a similar, incorrect Statement of Reasons for Allowance for claims 1 and 30 in the Notice of Allowance mailed May 1, 2006. On May 19, 2006, an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 was filed that included Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance of May 1, 2006. As a result of the Comments filed on May 19, 2006, the Examiner issued, on July 5, 2006, a Response to 312 Notice of Allowability with a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance for claims 1 and 30.

In light of the foregoing, applicant invites the Examiner to issue a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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